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1. SUMMARY: IN MEETING WITH ICRC OFFICIAL PESTALOZZI
JULY 13 EMBASSY OFFICIALS EXPRESSED VIEW THAT CURRENT DIFFICULTIES WITH GOI RELATED TO SENSITIVITIES ABOUT INQUIRIES CONCERNING INDIVIDUAL DETAINEES, PUBLICATION OF ICRC COMMENTS ON DIFFICULTIES OF PREVIOUS MISSION AND SUSPICION ICRC INVOLVED IN SMUGGLING OUT DETAINEES' LETTERS. PESTALOZZI SAID HE HOPED FOR FULL EXAMINATION OF PROBLEM WITH INDONESIAN OFFICIALS BUT EMPHASIZED THAT ICRC MUST PROCEED ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS RULES. END SUMMARY

2. POLITICAL COUNSELOR AND I MET WITH RICHARD PESTALOZZI, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO ICRC PRESIDENT, ON JULY 13.

3. PESTALOZZI, MAKING HIS FIRST VISIT TO JAKARTA BUT OBVIOUSLY WELL BRIEFED, ASKED FIRST ABOUT EMBASSY'S OWN APPROACH TO INDONESIAN HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEM. I EXPLAINED THAT WE HAD FOR PAST THREE YEARS SOUGHT TO INFORM INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT OF GROWING CONGRESSIONAL AND EXECUTIVE CONCERNS
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ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS AND TO ACQUAINT THEM WITH U.S. REACTIONS TO INDONESIAN SITUATION. INDONESIANS WERE RECEPTIVE TO THIS APPROACH BUT SENSITIVE TO PRESSURES OF DIRECT SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHAT THEY SHOULD DO. I FELT THAT IN CONNECTION WITH OTHER INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS WE HAD HAD SOME SUCCESSES, PARTICULARLY IN OBTAINING RELEASE OF RESTRICTIONS ON SIGNIFICANT INDONESIAN INTELLECTUALS DETAINED AFTER JANUARY

1974 RIOTS.

4. PESTALOZZI THEN ASKED OUR ASSESSMENT ON ICRC PROBLEM, SPECIFICALLY INQUIRING WHETHER I FELT ICRC TEAM WHICH VISITED DETENTION CENTERS EARLIER THIS YEAR HAD BEEN TOO AGGRESSIVE AND INSENSITIVE TO INDONESIAN FEELINGS.

5. STATING THAT I DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH KNOWLEDGE TO COMMENT ON THAT, I DID SHARE WITH PESTALOZZI RESULTS OF MY CONVERSATIONS WITH ADMIRAL SUDOMO AND OTHERS. ON BASIS THESE CONVERSATIONS, CURRENT DIFFICULTIES SEEM TO STEM FROM INDONESIAN FEELING THAT COMMENTS MADE IN ICRC BULLETIN ABOUT THE PROBLEMS OF THE PREVIOUS SURVEY VIOLATED UNDERSTANDING THAT NOTHING WOULD BE PUBLISHED WITHOUT CONCURRENCE OF INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT. SECONDLY, ICRC FACED STRONG SUSPICION THAT ITS TEAM HAD SMUGGLED OUT LETTERS FROM DETAINEES SUCH AS THAT PUBLISHED IN LONDON TIMES ON MAY 18.

6. PESTALOZZI SAID HE WAS ALSO INFORMED THAT ADMIRAL SUDOMO WAS UNHAPPY THAT PRESIDENT HAY OF ICRC HAD WRITTEN DIRECTLY TO PRESIDENT SUHARTO. I CONFIRMED THAT SUDOMO HAD MENTIONED THIS TO ME ALTHOUGH I COULD NOT QUITE UNDERSTAND WHY HE WAS UNHAPPY. I SAID THAT SUDOMO ALSO SEEMED UNHAPPY WITH SET OF CONDITIONS WHICH ICRC HAD LAID DOWN IN LETTER TO PRESIDENT. PESTALOZZI SAID HE ALSO UNDERSTOOD CONFIDENTIAL

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THIS BUT EMPHASIZED THAT THESE WERE BASIC CONDITIONS OF ICRC OPERATIONS WORLDWIDE FROM WHICH THEY COULD NOT DEPART.

7. REFERRING TO FACT THAT REPRESENTATIVE OF CENTER FOR STRATEGIC AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (PRESUMABLY LIM BIEN KIE) WAS INTENDING TO VISIT ICRC IN GENEVA WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS, PESTALOZZI ASKED ABOUT RELATIONSHIP OF CENTER TO HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEM. WE EXPLAINED ROLE WHICH CENTER PLAYED WITH EXTERNAL CONCERNS ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE. POLITICAL COUNSELOR CONVEYED OUT UNDERSTANDING THAT LIM PIEN KIE VISIT TO ICRC HAD BEEN CLEARED WITH ADMIRAL SUDOMO.

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8. PESTALOZZI SAID HE UNDERSTOOD PART OF ICRC PROBLEM ALSO STEMMED FROM INQUIREIES ABOUT SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS. THIS COULD NOT BE AVOIDED IF THEIR FINDINGS WERE TO HAVE ANY MEANING. I TOLD HIM INDONESIANS WERE SENSITIVE ABOUT SUCH INQUIRIES. I TOLD HIM THAT ADMIRAL SUDOMO HAD MENTIONED ICRC INQUIREIS ABOUT INDIVIDUALS AND HAD APPEARED PARTICULARLY UPSET BECAUSE AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL WAS INQUIRING ABOUT SAME PEOPLE. SUDOMO HAD ALSO MENTIONED THAT ICRC APPEARED TO BE PICKING UP THE CAUSE OF CARMEL BUDIARDJO. PESTALOZZI ACKNOWLEDGED THAT ICRC DID DEPEND UPON AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AND OTHER SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS FOR BASIC INFORMATION TO BE USED IN THEIR INQUIRIES. HE ACKNOWLEDGED, REFERRING TO IRANIAN SITUATION, THAT ICRC HAD FOUND THAT SUCH INFORMATION WAS NOT ALWAYS ACCURATE AND SOMETIMES CAME FROM THOSE WHO HAD PARTICULAR ANIMUS TOWARD GOVERNMENT IN QUESTION. NEVERTHELESS, THEY WERE IMPORTANT SOURCES WHICH ICRC COULD NOT IGNOR.

9. IN CONVERSATION I STRESSED TO PESTALOZZI OUR INTEREST IN FURTHERING WORK OF ICRC BUT IN CLEARLY AVOIDING ANY RELATIONSHIP WHICH WOULD EMBARRASS ICRC OR INHIBIT COMMITTEE'S WORK. I MENTIONED THAT EMBASSY HAD URGED INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT, PARTICULARLY WHEN IT HAS ANNOUNNCED INTENTION TO RELEASE DETAINEES, TO SEE VALUE OF OUTSIDE CONFIDENTIAL

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CONFIRMATION OF CONDITIONS AND INTENTIONS. POSITIVE INDONESIAN APPRACH, HOWEVER, SEEMED TO BE INHIBITED BY DIFFERENT VIEWS WITHIN RULING GROUP, SOME OF WHOM FAVORED HARD LINE TOWARD ALL OUTSIDE INQUIRIES. PESTALOZZI COMMENTED THAT ICRC NORMALLY CONFINED PUBLICATION TO LIST OF DETENTION CAMPS VISITED. FULL REPORTS WERE NOT PUBLISHED UNLESS LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGREED TO FULL AND UNEXPURGATED PUBLICATION.

10. COMMENT. WE WILL CONTINEU TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH

THOSE INVOLVED IN PESTALOZZI'S VISIT BUT WILL NOT ASSUME
ANY ACTIVE ROLE. ADMIRAL SUDOMO WAS APPARENTLY UNDER
IMPRESSION THAT WE WERE MAKING APPOINTMENTS FOR PESTALOZZI
BUT, HOPEFULLY, WE HAVE CLARIFIED RELATIONSHIP. PESTALOZZI
SAID HE HOPES TO SEE SUDOMO BUT APPOINTMENT WILL BE MADE
THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS, I.E., INDONESIAN MISSION IN
GENEVA AND INDONESIAN RED CROSS OFFICIALS HERE.

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